

WSLA HANDBOOK

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2010 WSLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association is to coordinate and facilitate activities related to girls' youth and high school lacrosse in Washington; to promote and facilitate a safe environment for girls to play lacrosse at the high school and youth levels; to promote the growth of the sport; and to honor the game by instilling the values of scholastic achievement, sportsmanship, teamwork and individual development.

1.0.0 NAME AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- 1.1.0** The name of this organization shall be the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association, hereinafter referred to as WSLA, and this shall be its official Handbook.
- 1.2.0** WSLA is comprised of a girls' lacrosse High School League and a Youth League.
- 1.3.0** The responsibilities of WSLA shall be to organize, develop, and promote schoolgirls lacrosse in Washington. It shall further be the responsibility of WSLA to supervise and administer girls' high school and youth lacrosse in Washington.
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2.0.0 MEMBERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

2.1.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1.1 WSLA is a voluntary organization for girls' high school and youth lacrosse programs in Washington.
- 2.1.2 Membership in WSLA is open to girls' high school and youth lacrosse programs in Washington that accept and agree to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws. See Appendix F - WSLA Bylaws.
- 2.1.3 When a program becomes a member of WSLA, its activities shall comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws.

2.2.0 GOVERNANCE

- 2.2.1 The affairs, property and operation of WSLA shall be governed and administered by an Executive Council.
- .1 The Executive Council shall be comprised of individuals serving on the High School League Board and Youth League Board.
 - .2 High School League and Youth League Boards shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Division representatives.
 - .3 Amendments to the WSLA Handbook shall require a two-thirds vote of current members of the Executive Council.
- 2.2.2 The WSLA Membership Council shall elect members of the High School League and Youth League Boards.
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- .1 The Membership Council is comprised of one designated representative from each High School League and Youth League program.
- .2 Designated representatives of High School League programs shall elect High School League Board members.
- .3 Designated representatives of Youth League programs shall elect Youth League Board members.
- .4 Amendments to WLSA Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of the Membership Council.

3.0.0 PROGRAM AND TEAM REQUIREMENTS

3.1.0 PROGRAMS AND TEAMS

- 3.1.1 A program is defined as an organization that supports and administers one or more teams associated with its program. The program shall have support from a host school or from a non-school Board of Directors. The host school or Board of Directors shall be responsible for monitoring and administering coaches, player eligibility and player conduct.
- 3.1.2 A team is defined as an organized and established squad of players that is supported and administered by a girls' lacrosse program that is a member of WSLA.

3.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 3.2.1 The High School League is comprised of three Divisions and Provisional teams.
 - .1 The High School Divisions are Varsity Division 1, Varsity Division 2 and Junior Varsity Division.
 - .2 High School Provisional teams are members of WSLA that play a limited schedule and do not participate in games that are included in League standings.
- 3.2.2 High School programs that are not first year programs may have up to four teams.
 - .1 Programs with four teams shall have a Varsity Division 1 team, Varsity Division 2 team, and two Junior Varsity Division teams.
 - .2 Programs with three teams shall have a Varsity Division 1 team, Varsity Division 2 team, and Junior Varsity Division team.
 - .3 Programs with two teams shall have a Varsity Division 1 team and Junior Varsity team, or a Varsity Division 2 team and Junior Varsity team.
 - .4 Programs with two teams may have a Varsity Division 1 team and Varsity Division 2 team with approval of the High School League Board.
 - .5 Programs with one team may have a Varsity Division 2 team or Junior Varsity Division team or a Provisional team.
 - .6 Programs with one team may have a Varsity Division 1 team with approval of the High School League Board.
- 3.2.3 New High School programs may have a Junior Varsity Division team or a Provisional team.

- .1 New High School programs may have a Varsity Division 1 or Varsity Division 2 team with approval of the High School League Board.
- .2 New High School programs may have two Junior Varsity Division teams with approval of the High School League Board. Two Junior Varsity teams shall only be allowed during the first year of the program.

3.3.0 YOUTH LEAGUE

- 3.3.1 The Youth League is a developmental league that aspires to provide its athletes an opportunity to learn the skills, tactics and strategies of lacrosse while also providing opportunities for personal and team growth.
- 3.3.2 The Youth League is comprised of two Divisions and Provisional teams.
 - .1 Youth Divisions are U-15 Division and U-13 Division.
 - .2 Youth Provisional teams are members of WSLA that play a limited schedule.
- 3.3.3 Youth programs may have more than one team competing in the U-15 Division and more than one team competing in the U-13 Division.
- 3.3.4 Beginning in 2011, the Youth League may include a U-11 Division and U-9 Division.

3.4.0 EXHIBITION EVENTS

- 3.4.1 An Exhibition Event is defined as a single non-league game, a one-day jamboree, a one-day play day, or one-day of participation in a tournament that a team participates in during In-Season.
- 3.4.2 Exhibition Event games are not included or considered in League standings.
- 3.4.3 Exhibition Event games shall be officiated by a certified women's lacrosse umpire.
 - .1 Exhibition Event umpires shall be paid by the teams participating in the games.
 - .2 Umpire payments for Exhibition Events shall be separate from and in addition to regular and post season Umpire Fees.
- 3.4.4 High School Division 1, Division 2 and Junior Varsity Division teams may participate in a maximum of two Exhibition Events during In-Season in addition to a one-day League sponsored jamboree or League sponsored play day.
- 3.4.5 High School League Provisional teams and Youth League teams are not limited in number of Exhibition Events in which they may participate in during In-Season.

3.5.0 INSURANCE

- 3.5.1 High School League and Youth League programs shall obtain medical and liability insurance coverage for each player in the program or shall require each player to obtain medical and liability insurance coverage for In-Season.

3.6.0 WASHINGTON STATE PATROL BACKGROUND CHECK

- 3.6.1 Each High School League and Youth League program shall certify that all members of the coaching staff, paid and volunteer, have completed a Washington State Patrol (WSP) background check in compliance with RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 prior to the first day of In-Season.

- .1 Certification shall be provided by the individual with overall responsibility for the program on a WSP Background Check Certification form. See Appendix D – WSP Background Check Certification.
 - .2 High School League programs shall submit certification to the High School League Board prior to the first day of In-Season.
 - .3 Youth League programs shall submit certification to the Youth League Board prior to the first day of In-Season.
- 3.6.2 Teams shall not participate in League games until certification of all members of the coaching staff have been submitted to their respective League Board.

3.7.0 PLAYER SAFETY

- 3.7.1 High School League and Youth League programs shall comply with RCW 28A.600.190: Youth sports - Concussions and head injury guidelines - Injured athlete restrictions.
- 3.7.2 Each year, High School League and Youth League programs shall distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each player that is a member of their program. The information sheet shall provide pertinent information about the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including the risks of continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.
- .1 High School Leagues and Youth League programs shall require the information sheet to be reviewed, signed and returned by each player and her parent or legal guardian.
 - .2 Signed information sheets shall be returned to the program's designated representative prior to the first day of In-Season.
- 3.7.3 A team shall remove a player from practice or a game if the player is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during the activity.
- 3.7.4 A team shall not allow a player who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury to return to practice or games until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and the player receives written clearance to play from the health care provider.

3.8.0 NEW UMPIRES

- 3.8.1 Each calendar year, each High School League program shall recruit a new umpire that is an adult. Each new umpire shall complete umpire training provided by the Washington Women's Lacrosse Umpire Association and shall earn certification as a women's lacrosse umpire. New umpires shall officiate at least five Youth League or High School League In-Season games.
- 3.8.2 Each calendar year, each Youth League program shall recruit a new umpire that is an adult or two new umpires that are high school students. Each new umpire shall complete umpire training provided by the Washington Women's Lacrosse Umpire Association and earn certification as a women's lacrosse umpire. New umpires that are adults shall officiate at least five In-Season games at the Youth League or High School League levels. New umpires that are high school students shall officiate at least five Youth League In-Season games.
- 3.8.3 High School League and Youth League programs that fail to recruit new umpires as defined in Section 3.8.0 shall pay a \$100.00 fee to WSLA at the end of In-Season.

3.9.0 SCORERS AND TIMERS

- 3.9.1 Each calendar year, a representative of each High School League and Youth League program shall attend a Scorer and Timer training clinic sponsored by WSLA.

- 3.9.2 High School League and Youth League programs that fail to have a team representative attend a Scorer and Timer training clinic sponsored by WSLA shall pay a \$100.00 fee to WSLA.

3.10.0 ROSTERS

- 3.10.1 High School League and Youth League teams shall submit a Preliminary Roster to the Executive Council Treasurer prior to the first day of In-Season along with the team's payment of League Dues. See Appendix A – Team Roster.
- .1 Preliminary Rosters shall identify the name, school, grade, number of years with the program, and home address of each player anticipated to be on the team.
 - .2 A separate Preliminary Roster shall be submitted for each team within a program.
- 3.10.2 High School League and Youth League teams shall submit a Final Roster to the Executive Council Treasurer prior to the third Monday of In-Season. See Appendix A – Team Roster.
- .1 Final Rosters shall identify the name, school, grade, number of years with the program, and home address of each player on the team.
 - .2 A separate Final Roster shall be submitted for each team within a program.
- 3.10.3 High School League teams and Youth League U-15 Division teams shall post an Official Roster on sPortability.com by the third Monday of In-Season.
- .1 Official Rosters shall identify the name, number and position of each player on the team.
 - .2 Modifications to an Official Roster may be made on sPortability.com by a High School League team after notifying the High School League Board Secretary.
 - .3 Modifications to an Official Roster may be made on sPortability.com by a Youth League team after notifying the Youth League Board Secretary.
- 3.10.4 High School League teams and Youth League U-15 Division teams that fail to post a complete and accurate Official Roster by the third Monday of the In-Season period shall forfeit League games until a complete and accurate Official Roster is posted.

3.11.0 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- 3.11.1 A designated representative of each program shall attend WSLA General Membership meetings. Attendance is required at each meeting.
- 3.11.2 High School League General Membership meetings shall be held in January, June and October on dates and at locations identified by the High School League Board.
- 3.11.3 Youth League General Membership meetings shall be held in January, June and October on dates and at locations identified by the Youth League Board.
- 3.11.4 Programs that fail to have a designated representative attend a General Membership meeting shall have the program's voting rights suspended for the following 12 months and the program shall pay a \$50.00 fee to WSLA for each meeting that a designated representative fails to attend.

4.0.0 MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIVISIONS

4.1.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 4.1.1 High School League Board may move a team or teams to another High School Division prior to the start of In-Season.
- .1 High School League Board may consider the following criteria when moving a team to another High School Division: the team's record, the strength of the program's organizational support, feeder programs, input from the team's coach, and other information considered pertinent by the High School League Board.
- 4.1.2 High School League Division teams shall obtain approval from the High School League Board to change to another High School Division.
- 4.1.3 Provisional teams shall obtain approval from the High School League Board to change to a High School Division team.
- 4.1.4 High School League programs may request movement of a team within their program to another High School Division.
- .1 Varsity Division 1 teams shall participate in Division 1 for two years before being eligible to change to another High School Division.
 - .2 High School League programs requesting movement of a team within their program to another High School Division shall submit a *Petition for Team Movement* to the High School League Board by October 1 prior to the season when movement is being requested.
 - .3 *Petitions for Team Movement* shall identify the team's current Provisional status or High School Division, the Division in which the team is requesting movement to, the team's past record, information about their program's support organization, the team's coach's recommendation for movement, and additional information the team wishes to submit in support of its petition.

5.0.0 ADMISSION OF NEW PROGRAMS AND TEAMS

5.1.0 NEW PROGRAMS AND TEAMS

- 5.1.1 New programs and new teams associated with an existing program may petition to join WSLA if they agree to abide by the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws, have sufficient organizational support to conduct team and league business in a manner acceptable to the Executive Council, and meet other criteria established by the Executive Council.
- 5.1.2 New programs and new teams associated with an existing program that wish to join WSLA shall apply for membership by submitting a *Petition for New Program or New Team* to the Executive Council.
- .1 *Petitions for New Program or New Team* shall be submitted by the individual from the program with primary responsibility for the program.

- .2 *Petitions for New Program or New Team* shall identify the name and location of the new program or new team, name of and contact information for individual submitting *Petition*, name of contact information for team representatives, name of host school or non-school support organization, date of proposed season when membership would begin, proposed League and Division that the new program or team would join, type and extent of support structure, sources of funding, feeder programs, game field location and availability, estimated number of players, plan for sustainability, potential impact on other teams, and other information in support of its petition.
- .3 *Petitions for New Program or Team* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the Executive Council.

5.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 5.2.1 New High School League programs and teams within an existing program that wish to join WSLA shall apply for membership and submit their *Petition for New Program or Team* to the High School League Board by October 1 prior to the season in which the new program or team wishes to begin participation.

5.3.0 YOUTH LEAGUE

- 5.3.1 New Youth League programs and teams within an existing program that wish to join WSLA shall apply for membership and submit their *Petition for New Program or Team* to the Youth League Board by January 1 prior to the season in which the new program or team wishes to begin participation.

6.0.0 DUES AND FEES

6.1.0 LEAGUE DUES

- 6.1.1 League Dues shall be established by the Executive Council. See Appendix B – Dues and Fees.
- 6.1.2 Teams shall pay League Dues to the Executive Council Treasurer, based upon the team’s Preliminary Roster, prior to the first day of In-Season or establish a payment plan prior to the first day of In-Season that is approved by Executive Council Treasurer.
- 6.1.3 Teams shall submit a Preliminary Roster to the Executive Council Treasurer, along with payment of League Dues, prior to the first day of In-Season. See Appendix A – Team Roster.
- 6.1.4 Teams shall submit a Final Roster to the Executive Council Treasurer prior to the third Monday of In-Season. See Appendix A – Team Roster.
 - .1 The final amount due by a team for League Dues shall be based upon the team’s Final Roster.
 - .2 The Executive Council Treasurer shall notify teams if adjustments in payment of League Dues are needed based upon the Final Roster.
- 6.1.4 Failure to pay League Dues or to institute and comply with a payment plan approved by the Executive Council Treasurer, as required herein, shall result in a forfeit of the team’s games until League Dues are paid.

6.2.0 UMPIRE FEES

- 6.2.1 Umpire Fees shall be established Washington Women’s Lacrosse Umpire Association and approved by the Executive Council. See Appendix B – Dues and Fees.

- 6.2.1 Teams shall pay Umpire Fees to the Executive Council Treasurer prior to the first day of In-Season or establish a payment plan prior to the first day of In-Season that is approved by the Executive Council Treasurer.
- 6.2.3 Failure to pay Umpire Fees or to institute and comply with a payment plan approved by the Executive Council Treasurer will result in a forfeit of the team's games until Umpire Fees are paid.

7.0.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

7.1.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 7.1.1 High School players shall be enrolled and in regular attendance half time or more in a school or a registered home-based instruction student in order to participate on a High School Division team or High School Provisional team.
- 7.1.2 High School players shall be grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.

7.2.0 YOUTH LEAGUE

- 7.2.1 U-15 Division players shall be in grade 7 or 8.
- 7.2.2 U-13 Division players shall be in grade 5 or 6.
- 7.2.3 If a Youth League program does not have a U-13 Division team:
 - .1 A player in grade 6 may practice and play in games with a U-15 Division team.
 - .2 A player in grade 5 may practice with a U-15 Division team but shall not participate in games.
- 7.2.4 A Youth League player may request a waiver to practice and participate in games with a Youth League team above her grade level by submitting a *Player Waiver Request* to the Youth League Board.
 - .1 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be submitted by the player and her parent or legal guardian at least 30 days prior to the first day of In-Season.
 - .2 *Player Waiver Requests* shall identify the name, home address, email address and telephone number of the player and her parent or legal guardian; player's grade level, school and school district; desired program, Division and team; lacrosse experience and past teams; reasons for waiver; and other information in support of the waiver.
 - .3 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the Youth League Board.

7.3.0 INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 7.3.1 Players shall comply with the rules and regulations of the WSLA Handbook and USL Women's Rules book to be eligible to participate in League games.
- 7.3.2 The penalty for the use of an ineligible player shall be:
 - .1 Forfeiture of League games in which the ineligible player participated.

- .2 Adjustment of the ineligible player's team's standing in League and tournament games to account for the forfeiture of games.
- .3 Return of individual and team awards by the ineligible player and her team if the awards were based upon victories in games that are forfeited because of an ineligible player.

8.0.0 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

8.1.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 8.1.1 High School League players shall play for the program affiliated with the school in which they are enrolled. A school-affiliated program is a program that is officially associated with and supported in some manner by the school.
- 8.1.2 If a High School League player attends a school that does not have a school-affiliated program, the player shall play for the program identified on the Program Assignment Chart. See Appendix C - Program Assignment Chart.
- 8.1.3 If a High School League player attends a school that does not have a school-affiliated program and her school is not identified on the Program Assignment Chart, or if a player is cut from a program and wishes to play for another program, the player shall play for the program that is located nearest to the school in which she is enrolled and within her school district. If a player is a registered home-based instruction student, the player shall play for the program that is located nearest to her primary residence and within her school district.
 - .1 If the nearest program will not accept players, the player shall play for the next closest program.
 - .2 The location of a school-affiliated program shall be the physical address of the school.
 - .3 The location of a program not affiliated with a school shall be the address of the physical location of the program's primary home game field. The primary home game field is defined as the field identified by the team to WSLA for the current In-Season.
 - .4 The location of a registered home-based instruction student shall be the physical address of her primary residence.
 - .5 The distance between schools and programs or the distance between a home-based instruction student's residence and a program shall be measured using the shortest roadway distance.
- 8.1.4 A High School League player cut from a program may request a waiver to play for another program by submitting a *Player Waiver Request* to the High School League Board. If the waiver is approved, the player shall play for another program as defined in Section 8.1.3.
 - .1 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be submitted by the player and her parent or legal guardian prior to the first League game of In-Season.
 - .2 *Player Waiver Requests* shall identify the name, home address, email address and telephone number of the player and her parent or legal guardian; player's grade level, school and school district; proposed new program as defined in Section 8.1.3; lacrosse experience and past teams; reasons for waiver; and other information in support of the waiver.

- .3 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the High School League Board.
 - .4 A High School League player that receives approval of a waiver from the High School League Board may continue to play for the program approved in the waiver until she graduates from High School or, after one year, may return to play for the program from which she was cut, at the player's choice, as long as she remains at the school where she was enrolled when cut from a program.
- 8.1.5 High School League players may request a waiver from a program assignment identified herein and play for a different program if there is hardship condition that is approved by the High School League Board. A player that desires a waiver for a hardship condition shall submit a *Player Waiver Request* to the High School League Board.
- .1 A hardship condition will only be considered when a player is unable to comply with the program assignment identified herein because of unique circumstances affecting the player's physical or emotional condition and the condition is not the result of actions by the player.
 - .2 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be submitted by the player and her parent or legal guardian at least 30 days prior to the first day of In-Season.
 - .3 *Player Waiver Requests* shall identify the name, home address, email address and telephone number of the player and her parent or legal guardian; player's grade level, school and school district; desired program, Division and team; lacrosse experience and past teams; a detailed description of the hardship condition; a detailed description showing how the hardship condition meets the requirements identified in Section 8.1.5.1; and other information in support of the waiver.
 - .4 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the High School League Board.
- 8.1.6 If a new High School League program is established and the Program Assignment Chart assigns players from an existing High School program to a new program, players with the original program in grades 11 and 12 shall be exempt from the new assignment and may continue to participate with the original program or may participate with the new program at the player's choice.
- 8.1.7 If a new High School League program is established and the Program Assignment Chart assigns players from an existing High School program to a new program, players with the original program in grades 9 and 10 and all new players shall participate with the new program.
- 8.1.8 If the Program Assignment Chart changes the program where current High School League players are assigned, players in grades 11 and 12 shall be exempt from the new assignment and may participate with the original program or may participate with the newly assigned program at the player's choice.
- 8.1.9 If the Program Assignment Chart changes the program where current High School players are assigned, players with the original program in grades 9 and 10 shall participate with the newly assigned program.
- 8.1.10 The High School League Board shall identify the program assignment for a player when a program assignment is not defined for the player in the Program Eligibility section of the WSLA Handbook.

8.2.1 YOUTH LEAGUE

- 8.2.1 Youth League players shall play for the program affiliated with the school in which they are enrolled. A school-affiliated program is a program that is officially associated with and supported in some manner by the school.
- 8.2.2 If a Youth League player attends a school that does not have a school-affiliated program, the player shall play for the program identified on the Program Assignment Chart. See Appendix C – Program Assignment Chart.
- 8.2.3 If a Youth League player attends a school that does not have a school-affiliated program and her school is not identified on the Program Assignment Chart, the player shall play for program that is located nearest to her primary residence.
- .1 If the nearest program will not accept players, the player shall play for the next closest program.
 - .2 The location of a school-affiliated program shall be the physical address of the school.
 - .3 The location of a program not affiliated with a school shall be the address of the physical location of the program's primary home game field. The primary home game field is defined as the field identified by the team to WSLA for the current In-Season.
 - .4 The distance between programs and a player's residence shall be measured using the shortest roadway distance.
- 8.2.4 Youth League players may request a waiver from a program assignment identified herein and play for a different program if a condition exists that precludes the player from playing for the assigned program and the condition is approved by the Youth League Board. A player that desires a waiver for such a condition shall submit a *Player Waiver Request* to the Youth League Board.
- .1 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be submitted by the player and her parent or legal guardian at least 30 days prior to the first day of In-Season.
 - .2 *Player Waiver Requests* shall identify the name, home address, email address and telephone number of the player and her parent or legal guardian; player's grade level, school and school district; desired program, Division and team; lacrosse experience and past teams; a detailed description of the condition that precludes the player from playing for the assigned program; and other information in support of the waiver.
 - .3 *Player Waiver Requests* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the Youth League Board.
- 8.2.5 If a new Youth League program is established and the Program Assignment Chart assigns players from an existing Youth program to a new program, players from the existing program shall participate with the new program and shall not be exempt from the Program Assignment.
- 8.2.6 If the Program Assignment Chart changes the program where current Youth League players are assigned, players from the original program shall participate with the newly assigned program and shall not be exempt from the Program Assignment.
- 8.2.7 The Youth League Board shall identify the program assignment for a player when a program assignment is not defined for the player in the Program Eligibility section of the WSLA Handbook.

9.0.0 PLAYING RULES

9.1.0 PLAYING TIME

- 9.1.1 The maximum number of halves of In-Season games that a player may participate in is equal to the number of League games scheduled for the player's team times two.
- 9.1.2 Participation during a half of a game is defined as being on the field at any time during playing time during one half of the game.
- 9.1.3 A Varsity Division 2 or Junior Varsity Division player that is participating in games in a higher Varsity Division, as allowed under Section 9.2.0, may not participate in more than two halves of League games in one day.

9.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

- 9.2.1 A starting player on a Varsity Division team may not participate on a lower Division Varsity team. A starting player is defined as a player on the team who has started more than half of the previous League games during the current In-Season.
- 9.2.2 Varsity Division 2 players may participate on a Varsity Division 1 team within the same program subject to Playing Time rules defined in Section 9.1.0.
- 9.2.3 Junior Varsity players may participate on Varsity Division 1 or Varsity Division 2 teams within the same program subject to the Playing Time rules defined in Section 9.1.0.
- 9.2.4 During Out-of-Season, High School League players may participate on Out-of-Season Tournament Teams in compliance with Section 11.3.0. Participation on more than one team is allowed if a player is selected during a separate open tryout for each team.

9.3.0 YOUTH LEAGUE

- 9.3.1 If a Youth League team determines its team does not have enough players to participate in a game, the team shall notify the designated representative of the opposing team at least 24 hours prior to the game. The opposing team may:
 - .1 play the game with an equivalent number of players on the field from both teams, or
 - .2 allow players from the opposing team to participate on the team that lacks players, or
 - .3 allow the team that lacks player to use players from another team, or
 - .4 accept cancellation of the game.
- 9.3.2 If a Youth League team that lacks players is allowed to use players from another team, this team shall endeavor to use different players each time this option is used.
- 9.3.3 A Youth League team that does not have enough players to participate in games on a regular basis may be required by the Youth League Board to forfeit future games during the current In-Season.

10.0.0 COACHES

10.1.0 RULE COMPLIANCE

- 10.1.1 High School League and Youth League coaches and other individuals serving in a coaching capacity for WSLA teams shall know and comply with the WSLA Handbook, the current US Lacrosse Official Rules for Girls & Women's Lacrosse, and other applicable rules.
- 10.1.2 The Head Coach of each program or team shall be responsible for ensuring that individuals coaching or acting under the direction or supervision of the Head Coach shall know and comply with applicable rules.
- 10.1.3 Each year, a coach from each High School League and Youth League team shall attend a New Rules Interpretation Session provided by US Lacrosse or the Washington Women's Lacrosse Umpire Association.

10.2.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- 10.2.1 Head Coaches shall be at least 21 years old, a member of US Lacrosse, and certified in First Aid and CPR prior to the first day of In-Season.
 - .1 An individual that is not 21 years old prior to the first day of In-Season may request a waiver from the Executive Council to serve as a Head Coach.
 - .2 Individuals requesting a waiver shall submit a petition to the Executive Council at least 30 days prior to the first day of In-Season that identifies the team the individual proposes to coach, the individual's lacrosse and coaching experience, and additional information the individual wishes to submit in support of its petition.
- 10.2.2 Each year, at least one coach from each High School League program and Youth League program shall attend a coaches' conference or convention provided by US Lacrosse Washington Chapter or attend the US Lacrosse National Convention.
- 10.2.4 Coaches shall comply with RCW 28A.600.190: Youth sports - Concussions and head injury guidelines - Injured athlete restrictions.
- 10.2.4 Coaches, paid or volunteer, shall be knowledgeable about the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including the risks of continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.
- 10.2.5 High School League and Youth League coaches and other individuals serving in a coaching capacity with a WSLA team shall complete a Washington State Patrol (WSP) background check in compliance with RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 prior to In-Season contact with team members or other youths associated with the team.

10.3.0 CODE OF ETHICS

- 10.3.1 Coaches shall comply with the following Code of Ethics:
 - .1 Coaches shall be aware that they have a tremendous influence, of either good or ill, on the education of the players and, thus shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
 - .2 Coaches shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with players, umpires, athletic directors, school administrators, league representatives, the

state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, coaches shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

- .3 Coaches shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- .4 Coaches shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to their team members. Coaches shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- .5 Coaches shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with booster clubs, support organizations, and school administrators.
- .6 Before and after contests, coaches for the competing teams shall meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

11.0.0 SEASONS

11.1.0 IN-SEASON

- 11.1.1 In-Season for the High School League begins the first day of practice and ends the final day of the Girl's High School State Lacrosse Tournament. The first day of practice for the High School League shall be as identified in the current WIAA Handbook for the spring sport season.
- 11.1.2 In-Season for the Youth League begins the first day of practice and ends the final day that League scheduled games are held. The first day of practice for the Youth League shall be 10 days before the first day of practice identified in the current WIAA Handbook for the high school spring sport season.
- 11.1.3 During In-Season, coaches may coach their teams and conduct team activities, and teams may practice and participate in games as allowed by the WSLA Handbook and other applicable rules.

11.2.0 SUMMER SEASON

- 11.2.1 Summer Season shall be from the end of In-Season until Labor Day.
- 11.2.2 During Summer Season, coaches may conduct lacrosse activities on their own, as individuals, or as part of a lacrosse program.
- 11.2.3 During Summer Season, coaches may conduct lacrosse activities with players from their In-Season team and with players from other teams and programs.
- 11.2.4 Participation by players in Summer Season activities or on a Summer Season team shall not be a requirement or condition of participation on a WSLA In-Season team.

11.3.0 OUT-OF-SEASON

- 11.3.1 Out-of-Season shall be from the day after Labor Day until the beginning of In-Season.
- 11.3.2 During Out-of-Season, coaches may coach players that participate on teams that do not feed directly to the In-Season team they coach.

- 11.3.3 During Out-of-Season, coaches, paid or volunteer, may not coach or conduct practices or conduct instructional clinics for present or future In-Season team members except for Out-of-Season High School Tournament Teams as defined in Section 11.3.4.
- 11.3.4 During Out-of-Season, coaches may coach High School Out-of-Season Tournament Teams with prior approval of the High School League Board.
- .1 Proposed High School Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall submit a *Petition for Out-of-Season Tournament Team* to the High School League Board at least 30 days prior to the team's proposed tryout date. The *Petition* shall identify the following information:
 - a. Date, time and location of the proposed tryout.
 - b. Date, time and location of proposed practices.
 - c. Date and location of the proposed tournament.
 - d. Name of each coach, their In-Season program and In-Season team affiliation.
 - .2 *Petitions for Out-of-Season Tournament Teams* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the High School League Board.
 - .3 High School Out-of-Season Tournament Teams, approved by the High School League Board, shall comply with the following requirements:
 - a. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall have no affiliation with WSLA.
 - b. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall be limited to participation in a single tournament event.
 - c. Players on Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.
 - d. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams may include up to five present or future members of the coaches' In-Season program.
 - e. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall be limited to 8 hours of practice.
 - f. Participation on an Out-of-Season Tournament Team shall not be a requirement or condition of participation on a WSLA In-Season team.
 - g. Selection of Out-of-Season Tournament Team members shall be based upon a tryout that is open to all High School players. Tryouts shall be limited to a single day.
 - h. A separate tryout shall be conducted for each Out-of-Season Tournament Team.
 - i. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall post a Tryout Invitation on the WSLA website and electronically distribute the invitation to all WSLA High School League programs at least 10 days prior to the tryout. The invitation shall identify the date, time and location of the tryout, team practices and the tournament event; team coaches; tournament information; and approximate total cost per player including player expenses.
 - j. Out-of-Season Tournament Teams shall submit the following information to the High School Board within five days after the team tryout:
 1. A list of players who participated in the tryout. The list shall identify the name, grade, and In-Season team affiliation of each player.

2. A roster of players selected for the team. The roster shall identify the name, grade, and In-Season team affiliation of each player.
- 11.3.5 During Out-of-Season, High School League coaches shall not officiate or play in games, practices or scrimmages with or against players from their In-Season team.
- 11.3.6 Youth League coaches may conduct up to two recruiting clinics during Out-of-Season with prior approval of the Youth League Board.
 - .1 Youth League Out-of-Season recruiting clinics may be conducted for future team members and are limited to two hours in length.
 - .2 Youth League Out-of-Season recruiting clinics may not utilize current Youth League team members as instructors.
- 11.3.7 High School League and Youth League coaches may conduct two organizational meetings during Out-of-Season to issue equipment and to explain such issues as insurance, physical examinations, season's plans, training regulations and any other pertinent information deemed necessary by the coach.
- 11.3.8 Programs and teams may have fundraising meetings during the Out-of-Season period subject to the approval and rules of their affiliated schools and support organizations.

11.4.0 YEAR ROUND CONDITIONING

- 11.4.1 A program or coach may organize and conduct a year-around conditioning program to include weight training, running and exercising provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - .1 participation is not a requirement or condition of participation on a WSLA High School League or Youth League In-Season team,
 - .2 it is open to all interested participants, and
 - .3 it does not include instruction in or practice of lacrosse skills.

12.0.0 PRACTICE REGULATIONS

- 12.1.1 A practice is defined as:
 - .1 a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for preparation of a player for the ensuing lacrosse season, or
 - .2 an attempt by or action of a coach of a team, paid or volunteer, to teach a phase of lacrosse or activity to their team or have their team or part of their team engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach.
- 12.1.2 High School League teams shall not conduct practices more than six days per calendar week during In-Season.
- 12.1.3 Youth League teams shall not conduct team practices more than six hours per calendar week and not more than two hours in one day during In-Season.
- 12.1.4 High School League players shall participate in at least 10 pre-contest practices before participating in a League game. For the purposes meeting the pre-contest practice requirements:
 - .1 a player shall participate in a majority of a designated practice time,

- .2 one day is equal to one practice,
- .3 practices on a game day shall not allow a player to become eligible for competition on that day,
- .4 participation in a pre-contest warm up shall not count as a required pre- contest practice, and
- .5 a player that participates in any level of WIAA sanctioned post-season playoffs during the winter season that cannot meet the minimum pre-contest practice requirements for the spring lacrosse season, shall be allowed to waive up to a maximum of one-half of the required pre-contest practices.

13.0.0 CONTEST RULES

13.1.0 GAMES

13.1.1 WSLA teams shall abide by the Official Rules for Girls & Women's Lacrosse as provided by US Lacrosse.

- .1 Official Rules for Girls and Women's Lacrosse are published annually by US Lacrosse (USL) in the form of a Women's Rules book.
- .2 WSLA teams shall abide by the current edition of the USL Women's Rules book.

13.1.2 All League and Exhibition Events shall be officiated by a certified women's lacrosse umpire.

13.1.3 The home team shall be responsible for providing a field, game lines and game equipment in proper condition for safe play and in compliance with the USL Women's Rules book.

- .1 Where field dimension requirements are not or cannot be met due to field space limitations, a game may take place if the visiting team has been notified in writing prior to the day of the game and both participating teams agree to accept the field dimensions. However, the minimum distance of 10 yards of space from the goal line to the end line shall be provided.
- .2 If the home team does not have the field ready by the scheduled game time, the home team shall be assessed a delay of game card and the opposing team shall begin the game with a free position.
- .3 If the home team does not have the field ready within 20 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, the home team shall forfeit the game, unless the start of the game is delayed by use of the field by an earlier contest that finished later than scheduled.

13.1.4 If a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, the team shall forfeit the game unless the team has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control.

- .1 If a team that has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control, is ready to play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, the game shall be played if the field remains available and conditions are suitable for execution of a game of regulation time.
- .2 If a team that has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control, is ready to play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, but the field is not available or conditions are not suitable for execution of a game of regulation time, then

the game may be rescheduled if approved by the respective High School League Board or Youth League Board. If the respective Board determines the game will not be rescheduled, the Board, at its discretion, shall cancel the game or assign a forfeit to the team that was not ready to play within 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game.

- 13.1.5 When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time for a regular season League game, the game shall end and there shall be no overtime play.
- 13.1.6 When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time for a post-season tournament League game, overtime procedures shall be followed in compliance with the USL Women's Rules book.
- 13.1.7 High School League teams shall provide an official scorer, an official timer, and scoring and timing equipment in compliance with the USL Women's Rules book.
- 13.1.8 Youth League teams shall provide scoring and timing equipment in compliance with the USL Women's Rules book and at least one individual to serve as the official scorer and timer.
- 13.1.9 Each team shall provide the official scorer with a roster of the names and numbers of the players on their team and identification of the starting players at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
 - .1 The player's name and uniform number provided to the official scorer shall be the same as listed on the Official Roster posted on sPortability.com unless a coach notifies the opposing coach of a change in uniform number prior to the game.
 - .2 If a team does not provide the official scorer with a roster of the names and numbers of the players and identification of the starting players at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game, the team shall be assessed a delay of game card and the opposing team shall begin the game with a free position.
- 13.1.10 Head Coaches shall be in control of and responsible for the actions of any and all persons officially connected with their team.
 - .1 Coaches shall assist the umpires in keeping the game under control.
 - .2 Coaches shall, upon request of an umpire, effectively control actions of spectators not in conformity with standards of proper conduct.
- 13.1.11 Each Youth League home and away team shall provide a sideline manager whose duty shall be to effectively control the actions of spectators not in conformity with standards of proper conduct.
 - .1 Teams shall identify their sideline manager to the umpires prior to the game.
 - .2 If a team does not provide a sideline manager prior to the game, the team shall be assessed a delay of game card and the opposing team shall begin the game with a free position.
 - .3 If a team does not provide a sideline manager prior to the start of the second half of the game, the team shall be assessed a delay of game card and the opposing team shall begin the second half with a free position.

13.2.0 UNIFORMS

- 13.2.1 Players' uniforms shall comply with the requirements of USL Women's Rules book.
- 13.2.2 A player's uniform number shall be the same number that is listed on the roster the team provides to the official scorer prior to the game.

- 13.2.3 A player's uniform number shall be the same number that is listed on the team's Official Roster posted on sPortability.com unless a coach notifies the opposing coach of a change in uniform number prior to the game.
- 13.2.4 If both teams have uniforms shirts of the same or similar color, the home team shall change or wear numbered shirts, pinnies or vests of contrasting color and the players' uniform number shall comply with the requirements of Sections 13.2.2 and 13.2.3.

13.3.0 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 13.3.1 Players may wear close-fitting gloves, nose guards and soft head gear. Further protective devices necessitated on genuine medical grounds may be used by players, providing the umpires agree that they do not endanger other players. All protective devices shall be close fitting, padded where necessary, and not be of excessive weight.
- 13.3.2 No equipment, including protective devices, may be used unless it complies with the rules or manufacturers' specifications and is deemed by the umpires to be not dangerous to other players.

13.4.0 SCHEDULING

- 13.4.1 In-Season High School League games, Youth League games, and post-season League tournament games shall be scheduled by WSLA.
- 13.4.2 Exhibition Events shall be scheduled directly by coaches or team representatives subject to Section 3.4.0.
- 13.4.3 The date, time or location of In-Season High School League games and Youth League games scheduled by WSLA may only be changed under the following conditions:
- .1 a game field is closed by the field authority, or
 - .2 umpires are not available, or
 - .3 an emergency event has occurred that the High School League Board or Youth League Board determines is a justifiable reason to change the date, time or location of a game.
- 13.4.4 As soon as a team is aware of a field closure or emergency event that affects the date, time or location of a League game, a team representative shall immediately notify their respective League Board and request approval to change the date, time or location of a game. High School League teams shall notify the designated representative of the High School League Board. Youth League teams shall notify the designated representative of the Youth League Board.
- 13.4.5 A designated representative of the High School League Board or Youth League Board shall notify teams when it is necessary to change the date, time or location of a game because umpires are not available.

13.4.0 STATISTICS

- 13.4.1 High School League home and visiting teams shall record and report the game score and the following statistics for each team member for each League game: names of players participating in the game, goals, assists, caused turnover, ground balls, draw control and goalie saves.
- .1 Game score and statistics shall be reported to WSLA using sPortability.com, the web-based League administration system.
 - .2 Game scores shall be reported the same day of the contest.
 - .3 Statistics shall be reported within 24 hours of the contest.

13.4.2 Youth League game scores shall be recorded and reported by the home team.

.1 Game scores shall be reported to WSLA using sPortability.com.

.2 Game scores shall be reported within 24 hours of the contest.

13.5.0 GAME FORFEITURE

13.5.1 Teams shall forfeit games when required to do so under the rules and regulations of the WSLA Handbook.

13.5.2 Teams may challenge a forfeit of games or games by submitting an appeal to their respective League Board.

.1 Appeals by High School League teams shall be submitted to the President of the High School League Board.

.2 Appeals by Youth League teams shall be submitted to the President of the Youth League Board.

.3 Appeals shall be submitted within 7 days of the forfeit determination.

.4 Appeals shall be submitted in writing and appeal information shall identify the following:

a. Name, contact information and team of the individual submitting the appeal.

b. Game or games that the team was required to forfeit.

c. The event or events that caused the game or games to be forfeited.

d. The team's request for modification or rescission of the forfeited game or games.

e. The team's justification for modification or rescission of the forfeited game or games.

13.5.3 Appeals shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or denied by the respective Board.

13.6.0 TEAM STANDINGS

13.6.1 Regular season standings of High School League teams shall be determined on a point system. Teams shall receive two points for a win or for a forfeit by an opposing team, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss or forfeit.

13.6.2 The score of a game that has been forfeited shall be recorded as 1 to 0.

13.6.3 If, at the end of the regular season, High School League teams eligible for a final State tournament position have the same number of points in League standings, team standings shall be determined by the win-loss record between these teams

13.6.4 If, at the end of the regular season, High School League teams eligible for a final State tournament position have the same number of points in League standings and an equal win-loss record between these teams, team standings shall be determined by a head-to-head playoff game or games between the these teams.

- .1 The playoff game or games shall be conducted at a neutral site or sites.
 - .2 The date, time, location and duration of play for the playoff game or games shall be determined by the High School League Board.
- 13.6.5 If, at the end of the regular season, High School League teams that are not eligible for a final State tournament position have the same number of points, team standings for these teams shall be determined based upon the following order until a team prevails:
- .1 Win-loss records in games between these teams.
 - .2 Goal-differential in games between these teams.
 - .3 Least number of goals allowed by the team in League games.
- 13.6.6 If at the end of regular season, High School League teams that are not eligible for a final State tournament position have the same number of points, the same win-loss record between these teams, the same goal-differential between these teams, and the same number of goals allowed in League games, the final team standings shall be determined by the High School League Board.

13.7.0 CONDUCT FEEDBACK

- 13.7.1 Coaches, players, spectators, and WWLUA umpires may comment on the performance and behavior of a coach, player, spectator or umpire, by submitting a Conduct Feedback Form. The Conduct Feedback Form may be used to report incidents of concern as well as observations of exemplary positive behavior.
- .1 Conduct Feedback Forms shall be submitted within 7 days of the when the incident or observation occurred.
 - .2 Conduct Feedback Forms may be submitted using the Conduct Feedback Form available at the WSLA website or by submitting a form that identifies the following information:
 - a. Date when the form is submitted.
 - b. Name, address, telephone number and email address of the individual submitting the form.
 - c. Date, time and location of the contest or lacrosse activity where the incident or observation occurred.
 - d. Name of the individual or individuals whose performance or behavior is being reported.
 - e. Name of the team and coach associated with the individual or individuals being reported.
 - f. Names of the umpires present.
 - g. Detailed description of the incident or observation.
- 13.7.2 Conduct Feedback forms shall be submitted to High School League Board President for situations related to High School League games or activities. Feedback forms shall be submitted to the Youth League Board President for situations related to Youth League games or activities.

- 13.7.3 The respective Board President shall acknowledge receipt of a Conduct Feedback Form within 7 days to the individual who submitted the form. After reviewing a Conduct Feedback Form, the respective Board President or Board shall take action as they deem appropriate.
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14.0.0 AWARDS

14.1.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION 1 ALL-STATE TEAMS

- 14.1.1 An All-State First Team and All-State Second Team shall be selected for High School Division 1. Each team shall have 16 members comprised of the following positions: 1 goalie, 4 defenders, 7 midfielders, and 4 attack players.
- 14.1.2 Division 1 All-State team members shall be selected by the High School Division 1 Head Coaches or their designated Assistant Coach based upon criteria established by the High School League Board.
- 14.1.3 A representative of the High School League Division 1 Coaches shall collect and compile the votes for the Division 1 All-State First Team and All-State Second Team.

14.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION 2 ALL-STATE TEAM

- 14.2.1 An All-State Team shall be selected for Division 2. The team shall have 16 members comprised of the following positions: 1 goalie, 4 defenders, 7 midfielders, and 4 attack players.
- 14.2.2 Division 2 All-State team members shall be selected by the High School Division 2 Head Coaches or their designated Assistant Coach based upon criteria established by the High School League Board.
- 14.2.3 A representative of the High School League Division 2 Coaches shall collect and compile the votes for the Division 2 All-State Team.

14.3.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

- 14.3.1 Team Sportsmanship Awards shall be awarded for Division 1, Division 2 and Junior Varsity Division.
- 14.3.2 Team Sportsmanship Awards shall be selected by teams in their respective Division. Each team shall have one vote.
- 14.3.3 A representative of the High School League Board shall collect and compile the votes for the Team Sportsmanship Awards.

14.4.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION STATE ACADEMIC CHAMPION AWARD

- 14.4.1 A State Academic Champion shall be awarded for the High School League programs.
- 14.4.2 A High School State Academic Champion shall be selected by the High School League Board. Selection shall be based upon the highest unweighted average grade point average (GPA) achieved during the last completed semester or trimester of school of all team members that participated in a program's highest Division team during the current season. The GPA shall be based upon the GPA achieved for the semester or trimester, not the players' cumulative GPA. A team shall have at least 12 players to be eligible for consideration.
- 14.4.3 High School League teams that are eligible for consideration shall have a State Academic Champion Form or Forms submitted to a representative of the High School League Board as follows:

- .1 A representative of the team shall identify, on a State Academic Champion Form or Forms, the name and year of graduation of each player that participated on the program's highest Division team during the current season, then submit the form to the Registrar at the schools attended by the team members. See Appendix E – State Academic Champion Form.
- .2 The Registrar shall identify, on the State Academic Champion Form, the unweighted GPA achieved by each team member listed during the last completed semester or trimester of school, then mail a signed copy directly to a representative of High School League Board by April 15.

14.4.4 A representative of the High School League Board shall receive and compile information submitted by Registrars for the State Academic Champion Award.

14.5.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARDS

14.5.1 Coach-of-the-Year Awards shall be awarded for Division 1, Division 2 and Junior Varsity Division.

14.5.2 A Coach-of-the-Year for each High School Division shall be selected by the Head Coaches of the applicable Division or their designated Assistant Coach.

14.5.3 The following criteria shall be considered in selection of Coach-of-the-Year: a coach's sportsmanship; a coach's rapport with umpires and other coaches; a coach's rapport with players on his or her team; and a coach's team record for the current season.

14.5.4 A representative of the High School League Board shall collect and compile the votes for the High School Coach-of-Year Awards.

14.6.0 US LACROSSE WASHINGTON CHAPTER AWARDS

14.6.1 High School All-American player honors shall be awarded for High School League Division 1 players.

14.6.2 High School Academic All-American honors shall be awarded for High School League players.

14.6.3 US Lacrosse Washington Chapter shall select players for All-American player honors and Academic All-American honors. Selection shall be based upon US Lacrosse guidelines and input of High School coaches.

15.0.0 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

15.1.0 The strength of the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association lies in the willingness and ability of the membership to support the rules and regulations adopted and, if necessary, to support the penalties placed upon members, if it is determined that those same rules and regulations have been violated.

15.2.0 Violation of rules or regulations defined in the WSLA Handbook or Bylaws may result in, but is not limited to, sanctions placed upon players, coaches, teams, programs and spectators. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, game suspension, game forfeiture, season suspension, and probation or expulsion from WSLA. Sanctions shall be determined by and at the discretion of the Executive Council.

16.0.0 APPEAL PROCESS

16.1.0 Actions taken by High School League Board, Youth League Board or Executive Council may be challenged by a High School League or Youth League program.

1. Programs that wish to challenge an action shall submit an appeal to the High School League Board, Youth League Board or Executive Council that made the decision.
 2. Appeals shall be submitted to the President of the respective League or Executive Council President on a timely basis.
 3. Appeals shall be submitted in writing and the appeal information shall identify the following:
 - a. Name, contact information and program of the individual submitting the appeal.
 - b. The program's request for modification or rescission of an action.
 - c. The team's justification for modification or rescission of an action.
- 13.5.3 Appeals shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or denied by the respective Board or Executive Council.

APPENDIX B – DUES AND FEES

2010 HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE DUES AND FEES:

League Dues:

Team Player Fee: \$6.00 / player

Scheduler and Treasurer Fee: \$15.00 / team

Umpire Fees:

Game Fee – Division 1: \$845.00 / team

Game Fee – Division 2: \$780.00 / team

Game Fee – Junior Varsity: \$780.00 / team

Travel Fee – All Divisions: \$35.00 / team

2010 YOUTH LEAGUE DUES AND FEES:

League Dues:

Team Player Fee: \$6.00 / player

Scheduler and Treasurer Fee: \$15.00 / team

Umpire Fees:

Game Fee – U-15 Division: \$450.00 / team

Game Fee – U-13 Division: \$325.00 / team

Travel Fee – All Divisions: \$35.00 / team

Observer Program Fee –
All Divisions: \$25.00 / team

APPENDIX C – PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT CHART

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT CHART

PROGRAM	PROGRAM ADDRESS	HOME FIELD ADDRESS	ASSIGNED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Auburn Mountainview High School	Auburn Mountainview High School 28900 124th AVE. SE Auburn, WA 98092	Auburn Mountainview High School 28900 124th AVE. SE Auburn, WA 98092	Auburn School District
Bainbridge Island High School	Bainbridge Island High School 9330 NE High School Rd Bainbridge Island, WA 98110	Bainbridge Island High School 9330 NE High School Rd Bainbridge Island, WA 98110	Bainbridge Island High School
Ballard High School	Ballard High School 1418 NW 65th Street Seattle, Washington 98117	Ballard High School 1418 NW 65th Street Seattle, Washington 98117	Ballard High School
Bellevue High School	Bellevue High School 10416 SE Wolverine Way Bellevue, WA 98004	Bellevue High School 10416 SE Wolverine Way Bellevue, WA 98004	Bellevue High School
Bellevue East		Robinswood Sports Park 2430 148 th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 98007	Bellevue Christian ¹ , Interlake, Newport and Sammamish High Schools
Bethel High School	Bethel High School 22215 38th Avenue East Spanaway, WA 98387-6828	Bethel High School Stadium 22215 38th Avenue East Spanaway, WA 98387-6828	Bethel High School
Curtis High School	Curtis High School 8425 40th West University Place, WA 98466	Curtis High School 8425 40th West University Place, WA 98466	Curtis and Peninsula High Schools
Eastside Catholic High School	Eastside Catholic High School 232 228th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98074	Eastside Catholic High School 232 228th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98074	Eastside Catholic High School
Forest Ridge High School	Forest Ridge School 4800 139th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98006	Robinswood Sports Park 2430 148 th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 98007	Forest Ridge High School
Garfield High School	Garfield High School 400 23rd Ave Seattle, WA 98122	Magnuson Park Sports Meadow 7400 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115	Garfield, Seattle Academy of Arts & Science, Bush, Center School, NOVA, Franklin, Cleveland, West Seattle, Rainier Beach, Chief Sealth, Northwest Academy, Christian Faith, Seattle Lutheran and South Lake High Schools
Graham-Kapowsin High School	Graham-Kapowsin High School 22100 108th Avenue East Graham, WA 98338	Bethel High School Stadium 22215 38th Avenue East Spanaway, WA 98387-6828	Graham –Kapowsin High School
Holy Names High School	Holy Names Academy High School 728 21st Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98112	Magnuson Park Sports Meadow 7400 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115	Holy Names Academy High School
Issaquah		Beaver Lake Middle School 25025 SE 32 nd St. Issaquah, WA 98029	Issaquah School District
Kennedy High School	Kennedy High School 140 S 140th Street Seattle, WA 98168	Kennedy High School 140 S 140th Street Seattle, WA 98168	Kennedy High School
Klahowya		Klahowya Secondary School 7607 NW Newberry Hill Rd Silverdale, WA 98383	Central Kitsap School District
Lake Sammamish		Marymoor Park 6046 W. Lake Sammamish Pky. NE Redmond, WA 98052	Lake Washington School District, North Shore School District, Bear Creek and Cedarcrest High Schools

¹ Bellevue Christian shall be assigned to the Bellevue East program for the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT CHART (continued)

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROGRAM ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME FIELD ADDRESS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>
Lakeside High School	Lakeside School 14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125-3099	Lakeside School 14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125-3099	Lakeside High School
Mercer Island High School	Mercer Island High School 9100 SE 42nd Mercer Island, WA 98040	Mercer Island High School 9100 SE 42nd Mercer Island, WA 98040	Mercer Island School District
Mukilteo		Kamiak High School 10801 Harbour Pt. Blvd. Mukilteo, WA 98275	Mukilteo School District, Everett School District, South Whidbey School District
Nathan Hale High School	Nathan Hale High School 10750 30th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125	10750 30th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125	Nathan Hale, Ingraham, University Prep, Summit and Middle College High Schools
North Kitsap		North Kitsap Stadium 1780 NE Hostmark St. Poulsbo, WA 98370	North Kitsap School District, South Kitsap School District, Peninsula School District
Overlake High School	Overlake School 20301 NE 108th Street Redmond, WA 98053	Overlake School 20301 NE 108th Street Redmond, WA 98053	Overlake High School
Puyallup		Stahl Jr. High School 9610 168th St. E. Puyallup, WA 98375	Puyallup School District, Franklin Pierce School District,
Roosevelt High School	Roosevelt High School 11410 NE 66 St Seattle, WA 98115	Magnuson Park Sports Meadow 7400 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115	Roosevelt, Hazel Wolf, John Marshall and Bishop Blanchet High Schools
Seattle Prep High School	Seattle Prep High School 2400 11th Ave E Seattle, WA 98102	Magnuson Park Sports Meadow 7400 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115	Seattle Prep High School
Skagit Valley		Mount Vernon High School 314 North 9 th St. Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Mount Vernon School District
Snohomish		Glacier Peak High School 7401 144 th Place SE Snohomish, WA 98290	Snohomish School District, Monroe School District, Lake Stevens School District, Marysville School District
Spanaway Lake High School	Spanaway Lake High School 1305 168th St E, Spanaway, WA 98387	Bethel High School Stadium 22215 38th Avenue East Spanaway, WA 98387-6828	Spanaway Lake High School
Tacoma		Mason Middle School 3901 N. 28th St Tacoma, WA 9807	Tacoma School District, Clover Park School District, Steilacoom School District, Bellarmine Prep High School
Tahoma		23015 SE 216th Way Maple Valley, WA 98038	Tahoma School District, Kent School District

YOUTH LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT CHART

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME FIELD ADDRESS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>
Auburn Mountainview Girls Lacrosse	Auburn Mountainview 28900 124th AVE. SE Auburn WA 98092	Auburn Mountainview 28900 124th AVE. SE Auburn WA 98092	Auburn School District
Bainbridge Island Girls Lacrosse	9330 NE High School Rd Bainbridge Island, WA 98110	Woodward Middle School Bainbridge Island, WA	Bainbridge Island School District
Bellevue East Girls Lacrosse	411 158th Pl. SE Bellevue, WA 98005	Robinswood Sports Park Field #1 (left turf field) 2430 148th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98007	Bellevue School District expect for Bellevue High School attendance area
Bellevue Wolverines Girls Lacrosse	10416 SE Wolverine Way Bellevue, WA 98004	Robinswood Sports Park Field #1 (left turf field) 2430 148th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98007	Bellevue High School attendance area
Eastside Girls Youth Lacrosse	PO Box 258 Redmond, WA 98073	Marymoor Park 6046 W. Lk Samm Pkwy NE Redmond, WA 98052	Lake Washington School District, Northshore School Districts, Snoqualmie Valley School District Rt 202 Access
Eastside Catholic	232 228th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98074	232 228th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98074	Eastside Catholic, siblings of Eastside Catholic attendees
Forest Ridge	4800 139th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98006	4800 139th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98006	Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Womens Issaquah School District Lacrosse Club	400 1st Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027	Beaver Lake Middle School 25025 SE 32nd St Issaquah, WA 98029	Issaquah School District, North Bend School District, Snoqualmie Valley School District, I-90 Access
Lake Forest Park Shoreline Lacrosse	4629 NE 194 th Street Lake Forest Park, WA 98155	North City Elementary 819 NE 190 th Street Shoreline, WA 98155	Shoreline School District, Edmonds School District
Lake Tapps	www.laketappsax.org		Dieringer School District
Lakeside	14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle WA 98125	13510 1st Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125	Lakeside School
Mercer Island Lacrosse Club	P.O. Box 444; Mercer Island, WA 98040	Islander Middle School 8225 SE 72nd St Mercer Island, WA	Mercer Island School District
Northeast Seattle Doublecrosse		Warren G. Magnuson Park Seattle WA 98115	Seattle School District E of I-5
Kitsap Youth Lacrosse Association	2916 NW Bucklin Hill RD, #207 Silverdale, WA 98383	North Kitsap Stadium Caldart Avenue Poulsbo, WA	North Kitsap School District, South Kitsap School District, Central Kitsap School District, Bremerton School District
Overlake	20301 NE 108th Avenue Redmond, WA 98053	Overlake School 20301 NE 108th St Redmond, WA 98053	Overlake School
Puyallup	P.O. Box 731794 Puyallup, WA 98373	Glacier View JHS 12807 184 th Street E Puyallup, WA 98374	Puyallup School District, Franklin Pierce School District, Fife School District, Bethel School District (youth only)
Queen Anne Quickstyx	1823 Warren Avenue N Seattle, WA 98109	Queen Anne Bowl 3rd Ave W & W Fulton Seattle, WA	Seattle School District W of I-5
Seattle Girls School	2706 South Jackson Street Seattle, WA 98144-2442	No Field Identified	Seattle Girls School

YOUTH LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT CHART

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME FIELD ADDRESS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>
Skagit Valley Flyers Lacrosse Club	P.O. Box 181 Burlington, WA 98233	Skagit River Park 1100 S. Skagit Street Burlington WA 98233	Skagit Valley School District
Snohomish Lacrosse Club	P.O. Box 1068 Snohomish WA 98291	Valley View 14308 Broadway Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98296	Snohomish School District, Monroe School District, Lake Stevens School District, Marysville School District, Everett School District
Tacoma Youth Lacrosse Association	PMB #176 3800A Bridgeport Way West University Place, WA 98466	Evergreen Primary 7102 40th St West University Place, WA 98466	Tacoma School District, Clover Park School District, Steilacoom School District
Three River Lacrosse Club	www.threeriverslacrosse.com	Columbia Park 2700 Columbia Park Trail Kennewick, WA 99336	Kennewick School District, Pasco School District, Richland School District
Vashon Lacrosse Club	www.vashonlacrosse.com	Vashon High School 20120 Vashon Hwy SW Vashon, WA 98070	Vashon School District, University Place School District
Wenatchee Valley Lacrosse	www.ncwlax.org		Wenatchee School District
Yakima	P.O. Box 591 Yakima WA 98907		Yakima School District Residence Area

APPENDIX D – WSP BACKGROUND CHECK CERTIFICATION

As the individual with overall responsibility for the girl’s lacrosse program identified below, I certify that all members of the coaching staff, paid and volunteer, have completed a Washington State Patrol background check in compliance with RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 prior to contact with team members or other youths associated with the program.

Name of Individual: _____

Position of Individual: _____

Name of Program: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX F – WSLA BYLAWS

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Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association

WSLA
BYLAWS

January 2010

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association is to coordinate and facilitate activities related to girls' youth and high school lacrosse in Washington; to promote and facilitate a safe environment for girls to play lacrosse; to promote the growth of the sport; and to honor the game by instilling the values of scholastic achievement, sportsmanship, teamwork and individual development.

Article 1: Name and Composition of the Organization

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association, hereinafter referred to as WSLA.
- B. WSLA is comprised of a girls' lacrosse High School League and a Youth League.
 - 1. The High School League is comprised of three Divisions and Provisional teams.
 - a. High School Divisions are Varsity Division 1, Varsity Division 2 and Junior Varsity Division.
 - b. High School Provisional teams are members of WSLA that play a limited schedule and do not participate in games that are included in League standings.
 - 2. The Youth League is comprised of two Divisions and Provisional teams.
 - a. Youth Divisions are U-15 Division and U-13 Division.
 - b. Youth Provisional teams are members of WSLA that play a limited schedule.
 - 3. Beginning in 2011, the Youth League can include a U-11 Division and U-9 Division.

Article 2: Purpose and Responsibilities

- A. The purpose of WSLA shall be to support the Mission Statement.
- B. The responsibilities of WSLA shall be to organize, develop, and promote schoolgirls lacrosse in Washington. It shall further be the responsibility of WSLA to supervise and administer girls' high school and youth lacrosse in Washington.

Article 3: Relationship to US Lacrosse

- A. WSLA shall be bound by the policies, procedures and guidelines for girls at the high school and youth levels as enacted by the Women's Division Councils of US Lacrosse.
- B. WSLA shall work cooperatively with US Lacrosse Women's Division and the Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse.

- C. A representative of the Executive Council shall endeavor to attend the annual US Lacrosse National Convention.
- D. The President of WSLA or a person appointed by the Executive Council shall serve on the Board of the Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse, and represent the interests of WSLA on that Board.

Article 4: Membership

- A. WSLA is a voluntary organization for girls' high school and youth lacrosse programs in Washington.
 - 1. A program is defined as an organization that supports and administers one or more teams associated with its program. The program shall have support from a host school or from a non-school Board of Directors. The host school or Board of Directors shall be responsible for monitoring and administering coaches, player eligibility and player conduct.
 - 2. A team is defined as an organized and established squad players that is supported and administered by a girls' lacrosse program and is a member of WSLA.
- B. Membership in WSLA is open to girls' High School and Youth lacrosse programs in Washington that accept and agree to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws.
- C. When a program becomes a Member of WSLA, its activities shall comply with the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws.
 - 1. Failure of a Member to abide by the rules and regulations stipulated in the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws shall subject that Member to disciplinary action and sanctions as determined by the Executive Council.
 - 2. Members subject to disciplinary action shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Executive Council for reconsideration.
 - 3. Membership in WSLA may be suspended, as determined by the Executive Council, if a Member is placed on probation or suspension.
 - 4. Membership in WSLA may be terminated, as determined by the Executive Council, if a Member is expelled from the organization.
- D. New programs and new teams associated with an existing program may petition to join WSLA if they agree to abide by the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws, have sufficient organizational support to conduct team and league business in a manner acceptable to the Executive Council, and meet other criteria established by the Executive Council.
 - 1. New High School League programs and new teams associated with an existing program that wish to join WSLA shall apply for membership by submitting a *Petition for New Program or Team* to the High School League Board by October 1, prior to the season in which the new program or team wishes to begin participation. The *Petition for New Program or Team* shall be submitted in compliance with the WSLA Handbook.
 - 2. New Youth League programs and new teams associated with an existing program that wish to join WSLA shall apply for membership by submitting a *Petition for New Program or Team* to the Youth League Board by January 1, prior to the season in which the new program or team wishes to begin participation. The *Petition for New Program or Team* shall be submitted in compliance with the WSLA Handbook.
 - 3. *Petitions for New Program or Team* shall be evaluated then granted as submitted, or granted with conditions, or declined by the Executive Council.

Article 5: Membership Council

- A. Members of WSLA shall be represented by a Membership Council.
 - 1. Membership Council is comprised of one designated representative from each High School League program and Youth League program that is a member of WSLA. A representative shall be an adult who is not a current player in WSLA.
 - 2. All Member programs not currently on probation or suspension shall have voting rights.
- B. Membership Council representatives shall attend WSLA Membership Council meetings. Attendance is required at each meeting.
 - 1. High School League Membership Council meetings for representatives of High School League programs shall be held in January, June and October on dates and at locations identified by the High School League Board. Meetings shall be announced by and presided over by the High School League Board President or Vice President.
 - 2. Youth League Membership Council meetings for representatives of Youth League programs shall be held in January, June and October on dates and at locations identified by the Youth League Board. Meetings shall be announced by and presided over by the Youth League Board President or Vice President.
 - 3. Programs that fail to have a designated representative attend a Membership Council meeting shall have the program's voting rights suspended for the following 12 months and the program shall pay a fee to WSLA as identified by the Executive Council for each meeting that a designated representative fails to attend.
- C. Special Meetings of the Membership Council may be conducted.
 - 1. Special Meetings of the High School League Membership Council shall be called by the High School League Board when agreed upon by a majority vote of current Board members or when demanded by a majority of the High School League Membership Council. Meetings shall be announced by and presided over by the High School League Board President or Vice President. No action shall be taken during a Special Meeting of the High School League Membership Council unless a quorum of two-thirds of its current members is present.
 - 2. Special Meetings of the Youth League Membership Council shall be called by the Youth League Board when agreed upon by a majority vote of current Board members or when demanded by a majority of the Youth League Membership Council. Meetings shall be announced by and presided over by the Youth League Board President or Vice President. No action shall be taken during a Special Meeting of the Youth League Membership Council unless a quorum of two-thirds of its current members is present.
 - 3. Special Meetings of the full Membership Council shall be called by the Executive Council when agreed upon by a majority vote of current Executive Council members, or when demanded by a majority of the full Membership Council. Meetings shall be announced by and presided over by the President of the Executive Council or, in the President's absence, High School League Board Vice President. No action shall be taken during a Special Meeting of the full Membership Council unless a quorum of two-thirds of its current members is present.
 - 4. Representatives of the Membership Council shall be provided with notice of Special Meetings at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

- D. Membership Council meetings shall be conducted in compliance with these Bylaws. *“Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief”* shall govern meeting procedures not addressed in these Bylaws.
- E. Representatives of the Membership Council may designate a substitute from their program to attend meetings in their absence. Substitutes shall be allowed to represent the program and have voting privileges. Substitutes shall be an adult who is not current player in WSLA.
- F. WSLA Bylaws may be amended by the Membership Council.
 - 1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by members of the Executive Council or by a representative of the Membership Council.
 - 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented in writing, by mail or electronically, to the Executive Council and Membership Council at least 20 days prior to a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting or at least 20 days prior to a Special Meeting.
 - 3. Approval of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the Membership Council at a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting or Special Meeting.
- G. Actions by the High School League Board, Youth League Board, or Executive Council may be challenged by a program and overturned by representatives of the Membership Council.
 - 1. Challenges may be submitted if a program has previously submitted an appeal of the action to the Board or Executive Council that took the action and the appeal has been denied.
 - 2. Challenges shall be presented in the form of a motion and shall be endorsed in writing by at least one-third of the Membership Council.
 - 3. Motions that have been endorsed by at least one-third of the Membership Council shall be presented, by mail or electronically, to the Executive Council and Membership Council at least 20 days prior to a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting or Special Meeting. If the action being challenged was enacted less than 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting, a motion shall be presented at least 10 days prior to a Membership Council meeting or Special Meeting.
 - 4. Approval of motions shall occur at a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting or Special Meeting and shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the Membership Council.
 - 5. The process defined herein shall be followed by members of WSLA and shall be the sole remedy for challenging and overturning actions taken by the High School League Board, Youth League Board or Executive Council.

Article 6: Executive Council and League Boards

- A. The affairs, property and operation of WSLA shall be governed and administered by the Executive Council.
 - 1. The Executive Council shall be comprised of individuals serving on the High School League Board and Youth League Board.

2. High School League Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Varsity Division 1 Representative, Varsity Division 2 Representative, and Junior Varsity Representative. The Treasurer shall also serve as the Treasurer for the Youth League Board.
 3. Youth League Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, U-15 Division Representative, and U-13 Division Representative. The Treasurer shall also serve as the Treasurer for the High School League Board.
 4. When the Youth League includes a U-11 Division and U-9 Division, the Youth League Board shall include a U-11 Division Representative and U-9 Division Representative.
- B. The Membership Council shall elect members of the High School League and Youth League Boards at the June Membership Council meetings.
1. Designated representatives of High School League programs shall elect High School League Board members.
 2. Designated representatives of Youth League programs shall elect Youth League Board members.
 3. A program may have a representative elected to the High School League Board and Youth League Board.
 4. A program is not eligible to have more than one representative elected to the High School League Board or more than one representative elected to the Youth League Board.
- C. The term of office for High School League and Youth League Board members shall be one year.
1. The term of office shall begin in June immediately following the Membership Council meeting.
 2. High School League and Youth League Board members may be re-elected and hold office more than one year.
- D. Executive Council shall be responsible for:
1. Determining program and team requirements, movement between divisions, admission of new programs and teams, dues and fees, player eligibility, program eligibility, playing rules, coaching requirements, playing season requirements, practice regulations, contest rules, awards, violations, penalties, and appeal procedures.
 2. Determining program assignments for players and schools.
 3. Preparing, amending and distributing the WSLA Handbook.
 4. Preparing, amending and distributing the WSLA Bylaws.
 5. Other duties and activities, as determined by the Executive Council, as necessary to coordinate and facilitate girls' high school and youth lacrosse in Washington.
- E. Executive Council shall meet when deemed necessary by the President of High School League Board or Youth League Board or when deemed necessary by a majority of the Executive Council.

- F. High School League Board and Youth League Board shall meet separately on a monthly basis or when deemed necessary by the President of the respective Board or when deemed necessary by a majority of the respective Board.
- G. Executive Council meetings, High School League Board meetings, and Youth League Board meetings shall be conducted in compliance with these Bylaws. *“Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief”* shall govern meeting procedures not addressed in these Bylaws.
1. No business shall take place or action shall be taken by the Executive Council or respective Boards unless a quorum of two-thirds of its current members is present in person or participating in the meeting by telephone conference call.
 2. Executive Council and respective Boards may take action and enact procedures, requirements, and regulations by a majority vote, in conformance with these Bylaws, except for modifications to the WSLA Handbook and election of Interim Board members.
 3. Modifications to the WSLA Handbook shall require a two-thirds vote of current members of the Executive Council.
- H. If a Board member fails to attend three consecutive meetings of its Board or Executive Council, without prior notification and approval of its Board President, the member shall forfeit membership.
- I. If a High School League or Youth League Board position becomes vacant because of the death of a member, resignation of a member or forfeit of membership, the respective High School League Board or Youth League Board may appoint an Interim Board Member with a two-thirds vote of its current members and the Interim Board Member shall serve until a new Board member is elected by the Membership Council.
- J. If a High School League or Youth League Board position becomes vacant because of the death of a member, resignation of a member or forfeit of membership, a new Board member shall be elected by its respective Membership Council within 30 days.
1. The election shall be conducted at a regularly scheduled Membership Council meeting or Special meeting, or by electronic communications as determined by the respective Board.
 2. The newly elected Board member shall serve the remainder of the term for the individual whom they are replacing.
 3. A Board member that resigns or forfeits membership shall not be eligible to be re-elected to the same position for the remainder of the term.
- K. Executive Council, High School League Board and Youth League Board may establish Committees by a majority vote to assist and provide recommendations to the Executive Council and respective Boards.
1. Committee activities and actions shall be in compliance with these Bylaws.
 2. Committees may include individuals who are not members of WSLA.
 3. Committees shall report their activities and meeting deliberations to the Executive Council or respective Boards at the following Executive Council meeting or Board meeting.

4. Committees shall not be empowered to act in the name of or with the power of the Executive Council, High School League Board or Youth League Board.
- L. The President of the High School League Board shall also be the President of WSLA and President of the Executive Council.
- M. President of the High School League Board shall perform, but is not limited to, the following duties:
1. Work with the Executive Council and High School League Board to establish meeting agendas.
 2. Arrange meeting locations for Executive Council meetings and High School League Board meetings.
 3. Record and report attendance at Executive Council meetings.
 4. Oversee individuals working on High School League scheduling, awards, Regional Team tryouts, sPortability, end-of-season tournament and State Championship, and coaching clinics.
 5. Work with WWLUA to establish umpire fees for High School League games.
 6. Serve on the Board of the Washington Chapter of US Lacrosse and represent the interests of WSLA on that Board.
 7. Annually evaluate, with the High School League Board, whether a WIAA petition should be filed, and if so, oversee preparation and submittal of the petition.
 8. Preside over High School League Board Meetings, High School League Membership Council meetings and Executive Council meetings.
 9. Validate the results of the election of High School League Board members.
 10. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the High School League Board.
- N. President of the Youth League Board shall perform, but is not limited to, the following duties:
1. Work with the Youth League Board to establish meeting agendas.
 2. Oversee individuals working on Youth League scheduling, awards, sPortability, Jamborees, and coaching clinics.
 3. Work with WWLUA to establish umpire fees for Youth League games.
 4. Preside over Youth League Board Meetings and Youth League Membership Council Meetings.
 5. Validate the results of the election of Youth League Board members.
 6. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the Youth League Board.
- O. Vice Presidents of the High School and Youth League Boards shall perform, but are not limited to, the following duties:
1. Assist their respective Board Presidents with their duties.

2. Assume the duties of their respective Board President in their absence.
 3. Oversee the individuals working on coaches contact list, field directions, summer camps, archives, league website, players' clinic, and grants for their respective League.
 4. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the respective League Board.
- P. Secretaries of the High School and Youth League Boards shall perform, but are not limited to, the following duties:
1. Record and report attendance at their respective Board Meetings and Membership Council meetings.
 2. Record accurate minutes of their respective Board Meetings and Membership Council meetings.
 3. Distribute meeting minutes, electronically, to their respective Boards and Membership Councils.
 4. Publish meeting minutes on the WSLA website in a timely manner.
 5. Notify their respective Membership Council of upcoming elections of Board Members and candidates.
 6. Supervise elections of their respective Board members, tabulate votes and announce the results after their Board President validates the outcome.
 7. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the respective League Board.
- Q. Treasurer is a single position that serves on the High School League Board and Youth League Board. The Treasurer shall perform, but is not limited to, the following duties:
1. Maintain full accounting of all receipts and expenditures of WSLA funds.
 2. Report a full accounting of all receipts and expenditures of WSLA funds, in writing, to the High School League and Youth League Membership Councils at their regularly scheduled June and October meetings and at additional Membership Council meetings when called for by a majority of the Membership Council.
 3. Report a full accounting of all receipts and expenditures of WSLA funds, in writing, to the High School League Board, Youth League Board and Executive Council, when required by these Boards or the Executive Council.
 4. Prepare an annual budget with assistance from the High School League and Youth League Boards.
 5. Establish League Dues with assistance from the High School League and Youth League Boards.
 6. Collect League Dues, Umpire Fees, and League fees.
 7. Provide payments of Umpire Fees to WWLUA.

8. Be knowledgeable about and oversee US Lacrosse insurance matters and other insurance coverage for WSLA.
 9. Arrange meeting locations for Membership Council meetings.
 10. Maintain full accounting of all receipts and expenditures of WSLA funds.
 11. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the High School League Board or Youth League Board.
- R. High School League and Youth League Division Representative shall perform, but are not limited, to the following duties:
1. Assist their respective Board Presidents and Vice-Presidents with their duties.
 2. Represent the programs in their Division.
 3. Present matters raised by programs in their Division to their respective Board as reasonable and appropriate.
 4. Assist coaches of teams in their Division with matters pertaining to WSLA as reasonable and appropriate.
 5. Other duties agreed upon and assigned by the respective League Board.

Article 6: Compensation and Finances

- A. Representatives of the Membership Council and Board members shall serve without compensation except for the Executive Council Treasurer who may receive compensation for bookkeeping services as approved by the Executive Council.
- B. High School League Board and Youth League Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties when approved in advance by their respective Board.
- C. Representatives of the Membership Council and Board members shall not incur any expense or debt in the name of WSLA without the specific and prior authorization from the Executive Council.
- D. The fiscal year of WSLA shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following calendar year.

Article 7: Non-Liability

- A. Representatives of the Membership Council and Board members serve WSLA as volunteers and shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities and other obligations of WSLA.